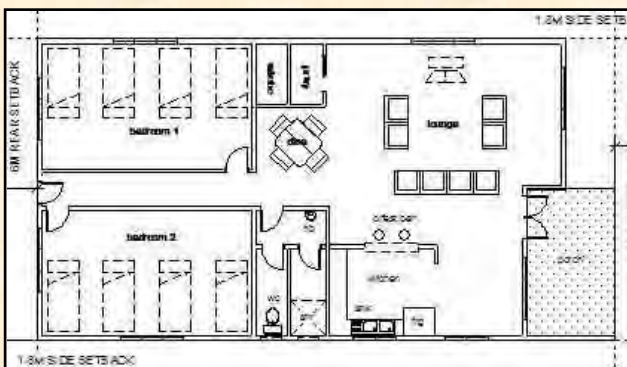


## THE PROJECT

The project will provide funding to build houses to provide shelter for female victims of violence and disasters.

- ◇ Places of safety
- ◇ Places for shelter
- ◇ Places for healing



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to turn to ....  
Then there is nowhere  
to go ...**



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## WHY THIS PROJECT?

- This project reflects the voice of Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific and its goals and objectives
- Fiji is the 4<sup>th</sup> in the world in terms of violence.
- It is very prone to natural disasters; cyclones in particular
- There is a severe lack of shelters in Fiji and victims are often brought back to their homes where the offender can easily have access and re-offend.
- These emergency shelters will be available to the victims until it is safe for them to seek another place to stay or go back home.



## Domestic Violence and Fiji

Fiji's rates of violence against women and girls are among the very highest in the world.

Among partnered women:

- ◆ 64% have experienced physical or sexual violence
- ◆ 21% have been physically attacked
- ◆ 34% sexually abused
- ◆ 58% experienced emotional abused
- ◆ Over 72% have experienced some form of violence

Health impacts, other than physical, include emotional distress and suicidal thoughts and actions .

Children who observe violence are more likely to use violence or become victims.

### Other forms of Control:

- ◆ 39% of women need permission to seek health care for themselves
- ◆ 28% had savings taken or were refused money
- ◆ 57% of women's husband/partner insist on knowing where she is at all times

## As for the Girls .....

- ◆ 16% of all women abused were under 15 years
- ◆ 1 in 3 girls over 15 abused, usually by males known to them
- ◆ 29% of women's first sexual encounter was forced or coerced
- ◆ 15% were attacked when pregnant

## Perpetrators

- ◆ Father 51%
- ◆ Teacher 30%
- ◆ Female family member 28%
- ◆ Other male family member 18%
- ◆ Male friend of family 2%
- ◆ Stepfather 1.4%
- ◆ Boyfriend 1.4%
- ◆ Stranger 0.7%
- ◆ Someone at work 0.1%

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